

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated August 24, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated December 28, 2006 have been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claim 1 is hereby amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 12-28 are pending in the present application, of which claims 6, 8, 16 and 21-28 are withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11-14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,729) in view of Liu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,573,965), Von Gutfeld et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,055,035) and Kishimoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,515,718); claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh et al. in view of Liu et al., Von Gutfeld et al. and Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,603,528); and claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh et al. in view of Liu et al., Von Gutfeld et al. and Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,100,953).

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11-14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh et al. in view of Liu et al., Von Gutfeld et al. and Kishimoto et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...the dielectric frame including a material having a small dielectric constant, the material including one of photoacrylate, polyimide and benzocyclobutene (BCB)...wherein the second height of the sealant structure is higher than the first height of the dielectric frame, a height difference between the first height and the second height is more than 1µm, and the first height of the dielectric frame is such that the dielectric frame provides a sufficient electric field distortion for a multi-domain effect." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11-14 and 20, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh et al. in view of Liu et al., Von Gutfeld et al. and Tanaka et al. is respectfully traversed and

reconsideration is requested. Because Tanaka et al. fails to cure the deficient teaching of Oh et al., Liu et al. and Von Gutfeld et al., claim 15 is allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh et al. in view of Liu et al., Von Gutfeld et al. and Kim et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Because Kim et al. fails to cure the deficient teaching of Oh et al., Liu et al. and Von Gutfeld et al., claims 17-19 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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